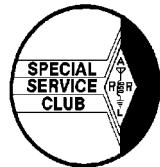




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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

January 5, 2006 - 7 p.m.

Louisiana QSO Party

February 10 & 11

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Jackson, MS - February 3 & 4, 2006

Orange, TX - February 25, 2006

Rayne - March 10 & 11, 2006

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Golden Corral - Amb Caffery
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 8:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

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Past ARRL Vice Director, Director, Section Manager

Al Oubre, K5DPG, SK

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NEWINGTON, CT, Nov 29, 2005--Lionel A. "Al" Oubre, K5DPG, of New Iberia, Louisiana, died November 25, surrounded by his family. He was 64. An ARRL Life Member and Diamond Club member, Oubre served in the 1980s as ARRL Delta Division Vice Director and Director and from 1992 to 2000 as ARRL Louisiana Section Manager. ARRL Delta Division Director Rick Roderick, K5UR, says he and Oubre were friends for many years.

"He was always involved in and doing things for ham radio," Roderick said. "He left a strong record of helping make things better. I will miss him greatly."

Louisiana SM Mickey Cox, K5MC, who succeeded Oubre as Section Manager, recounted that after stepping down as SM, Oubre continued to serve the section as an Assistant SM and was the Section's Webmaster. He also was an ARRL Official Relay Station.

"In addition to being an active traffic handler on NTS and MARS nets, he was a mentor for many of us over the years," said Cox. "He will be truly missed."

In 1979, Oubre won a contested election for Delta Division Vice Director and took office January 1, 1980. When the Board elected then-Director Max Arnold, W4WHN, to be a Vice President, Oubre moved up to the Director's position. He served on the Board for two years, but lost a bid for a new term. Subsequently re-elected as Delta Division Vice Director, he held that position from 1984 until 1986.

More recently, Oubre was very active in the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications online courses, mentoring more than 225 students since 2002. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Oubre filled in for several weeks as Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

A US Air Force veteran, Oubre was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a past state commander of that organization. He also belonged to the American Legion and the Civil Air Patrol. Oubre held bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana-Lafayette), and he worked as a dispatcher for the New Iberia Police Department.

Oubre was a member of the A-1 Operator Club and the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association (AARA).

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, KA5IJU, sons Michael, KC5HXL, and Eugene, W5DBR, and daughters Alice, N5SYD, and Theresa. A service was held November 28 in New Iberia.

Cajun Half-Marathon

Again, the AARA took part in helping with the Cajun Half-Marathon Race held in Acadiana Park on E. Alexanderia, Lafayette, LA on December 3rd at 7:30 AM. Runners had to make two runs around the course making the total length 13.1 miles. This year the weather was in our favor, the low was about 66 degrees at 6:30 and warmed up to about 75 when we left around 11:30. The last two years was somewhat colder with frost on the ground. We had operators stationed at six points around the course with handi-talkies to relay info back to the command post and START/FINISH line. Joey KE5AOF, had to call for assistance for one of the runners that developed some problems before the one mile point. After the race we each received a nice long sleeve "T" shirt and refreshments. Those that helped were:

John-KA5BSE, Maureen-KB5SMX, Danny-KD5JSM, Kathy-KD5TJZ, Joey-KE5AOF, Pam-KC5IOD, Randy-N5MLJ, John-KE5EEO, Jack Winn, Danny-K5ARH and Herman-KN5GRK. We plan to have some pictures on the club website by the time you read this newsletter.

From the Prez

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had a good holiday season here including the marriage of our middle daughter on New Year's Eve.

The January meeting will be at the Red Cross building. I talked to them, and things have settled down and we can resume our regular schedule.

At the January meeting, we will have a report from the nominating committee as to who they have selected to run for our 2006 officers. They will present their proposed slate of officers, then in February, we will have nominations from the floor and the election for officers for 2006.

Also, I am sure that Nick K5QXJ will have some information or be looking for volunteers for the upcoming hamfest. Things seem to be moving along good toward the Hamfest. Don't forget, the Hamfest is Friday March 10 and Saturday March 11, 2006.

See you all at the meeting Thursday, January 5th, 2006 at 7:00 PM.
73 de Danny, K5ARH

LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS NOVEMBER 2005

(edited for space)

Our HF traffic nets have been troubled many nights recently by poor band conditions. To combat the lack of short-skip propagation, the LA Traffic Net (LTN) is moving its starting time from 6:30 pm to 6 pm local time starting Monday, December 19. Likewise, the LA CW Net (LCW) will move up from 7 pm to 6:30 pm that same night. We will likely resume the regular starting times of both nets no later than the beginning of daylight savings time in the spring.

As probably almost everyone knows by now, K5DPG became a Silent Key in late November. In addition to serving as the Delta Division Director and Vice Director during the 1980s, Al was the LA Section Manager from 1992 to 2000. After stepping down as SM, he served as our section's web master and mentored many hams taking the League's online emergency communications courses. Al was also a big supporter of the National Traffic System. He will be sorely missed.

I am happy to report that Ellen K5LND is our new section web master and Tom N5KWB has agreed to serve as LTN Manager until NF5B returns to LA. All LTN

net control stations should send their reports to Tom starting January 1 until further notice. I appreciate both Ellen and Tom very much for volunteering to serve our section in these difficult times.

2005 Field Day plaques were presented during the Monroe Hamfest to the Fist and Mouth Contest Company/K5FMC, the

TID BYTES

The 2006-2007 membership dues need to be paid before March 31, 2006. Go to:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/aarambr.pdf>

Download the application form, **fill it out completely**, please include your e-mail address, and check if you want to receive the LARC newsletter by USPS or e-mail. **Everyone must fill out a application even if you are a Senior Member.**

Introducing EchoLink

Hello to all! My name is **Stratos Imvriotis, KE5DCI** and I am very pleased to announce **Acadiana's first EchoLink Link**. It is located at my home QTH in **Youngsville, LA**. EchoLink® software allows licensed Amateur Radio stations to communicate with one another over the Internet, using **voice-over-IP (VoIP) technology**. The program allows worldwide connections to be made between stations, or from computer to station, greatly enhancing Amateur Radio's communications capabilities. **There are more than 170,000 registered users in 158 nations worldwide!**

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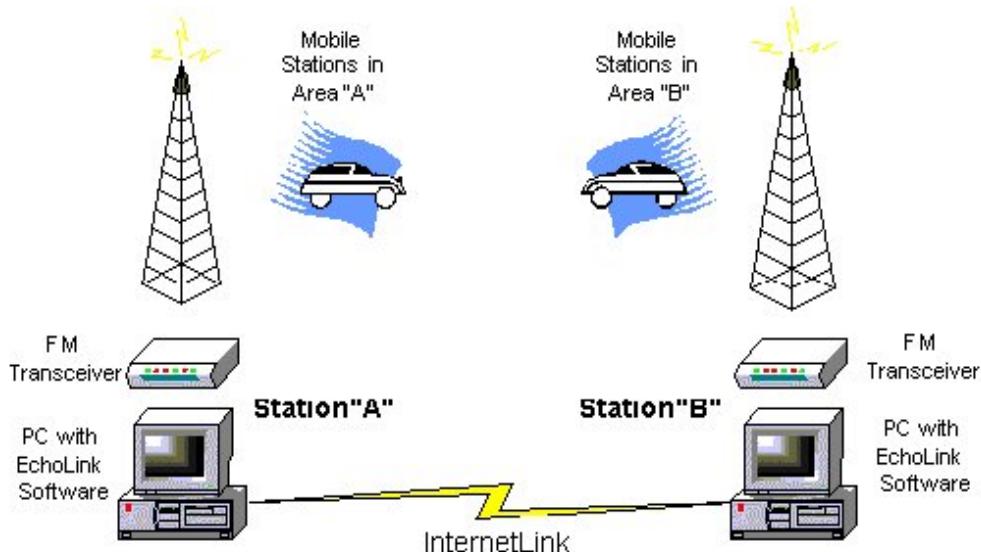
Minden ARA/N5RD, and the AscensionARC/K5ARC for achieving the top score in the LA Section for the 1A, 2A, and 3A categories, respectively. The scores turned in by K5FMC and N5RD were so impressive that both clubs were in the top 10 percent nationally in their respective categories.

Several weeks before Hurricane Katrina appeared on anyone's radar screen, I announced that I would not be a candidate for the upcoming SM election. After nearly six years, I felt that it was time for new leadership. Unfortunately, Katrina and Rita have caused many of us, particularly in south LA, to change our plans. Fearing that no other candidate would be nominated (or that the candidate would not run if nominated), a small group of League members submitted a petition with my name to ARRL Headquarters just before the deadline. The final outcome of this matter is that I will be returning as the SM for another two years starting next April! With everyone's support, I will try to keep our section moving forward for the next few years.

I am asking each Emergency Coordinator to assist me again this year in determining the total score of his local ARES group for the LA Section ARES Award Program. Details of this program are available at <http://www.laarrl.org/aresaward.htm> ECs should report by mid January with point estimates for the nine categories as described on the web site. Help is particularly needed from the ECs in determining the correct point credits for items 4 (local drills), 5 (members with OES/ORS appointments), 6 (members holding at least Level I course certification), 7 (members earning PSHR at least 4 times), and 9 (formal messages handled on local ARES nets). Remember that our award program has been designed such that both large and small groups have a reasonable chance of being recognized as the outstanding ARES group in LA for 2005.

73,
Mickey Cox K5MC
LA Section Manager
Email: k5mc@arrl.org

Linking Example



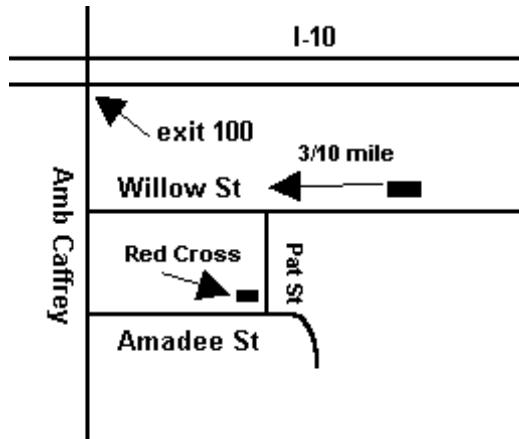
The freq is 146.575 simplex and the node number for the link is 241890. The equipment that is utilized is a Kenwood TM-261A transceiver with 50 watts of power that was offered to us by the EOC to be used for the EchoLink project. **We are humbly grateful!** The antenna was donated by **Chester Young, KN5LSU** and is a *Ringo Ranger ARX-2B*. The antenna is fed with *½ inch Heliax cable*, both the cable and the connectors were donated by **Scotty Menard, N5MEG**. The tower that the antenna is on was purchased by Stratos Imvriotis and was assembled and installed with the invaluable help of **Danny Daigle, KD5JSM** and **John Martin, KA5BSE**. The base of the antenna is at a height of 45 feet from the ground. A *Tripp Lite 60 Amp power supply* runs the station and the interface for the connection of the radio to the computer is a Rigblaster Pro. The laptop and the internet connection are provided by **Stratos Imvriotis**. **I encourage everybody who is interested to use the link, which will be connected 24/7.** Instructions and commands on my EchoLink station will be posted on the website ASAP.

Stratos plans to give a demonstration of EchoLink at the January 2006 meeting, so try to make it to the meeting to see what it is all about!

AARA GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 5, 2006
7:00 PM
RED CROSS BUILDING, 101 N. PAT ST, SCOTT, LA

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**COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE**

**UPCOMING CONTESTS
&
SPECIAL EVENTS**

- January 1 - Straight Key Night (CW)**
- January 8 - Kid's Day**
- January 7 & 8 - ARRL RTTY Roundup**
- February 10 & 11 - Louisiana QSO Party**
- February 13 thru 17 - School Club Roundup**

2 Meter & 6 Meter Nets

The SELSA (South East Louisiana Simplex Association) would like to announce that every Wednesday night at 9:00 PM they have a 2 meter FM simplex net on 146.520 and a 6 meter SSB net on 50.125 USB. I started the 2 meter simplex net back in 1993 and have just started since March 23 of 2005 the 6 meter SSB net. If you know of anyone interested in these nets, please pass the word along and see what kind of fun we can have.

73's de KB5WNU - Bruce Casey kb5wnu@yahoo.com

**FCC LICENSE INFO
SERVICE**

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries -- including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245